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Glad Christmas Greeting!

Lo! God, our God, has come!
To us a Child is born
To us a Son is given;
Bless, bless the blessed morn,
O happy, lowly, lofty birth,
Now God, our God, has come to earth.

Rejoice, our God has come!
In love and lowliness
The Son of man has come,
The sons of God to bless.
God with us now descends to dwell,
God in our flesh, Immanuel.

Praise ye the Word made flesh!
True God, true man is He.
Praise ye the Christ of God!
To Him all Glory be.
Praise ye the lamb that once was slain,
Praise ye the King that comes to reign.

We wish to all our friends the very fullest joy and happiness of this joyful, happy Christmas-tide. We join with them in celebrating the gladdest event of all time, that UNTO US THIS DAY, IN THE CITY OF DAVID, WAS BORN A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. May that name which is above every name—JESUS—be to each of our friends "honey in the mouth, melody in the ear, and jubilee in the heart forever!"

"Behold! this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed!"

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

A HAPPY CHANGE.

We are glad to note the very general and emphatic expressions of approval of the Board's action, with regard to games, which frequently come to our ear. The improvement in the character of our rooms is very marked, and we are glad to welcome some who have hitherto purposely remained away. Since games have been abolished there is more reading, and social intercourse is much more possible. We take this opportunity to call the attention of the Reception Committee especially to these facts, and urge upon them to faithfully fill their appointments.

"AN EVENING WITH THE STARS."

We bespeak a full house for Prof. McCaskey on Tuesday evening next. He will open our Lecture Course this season with a Practical Talk upon the above popular and attractive subject, illustrated by diagrams, &c. While intended especially for young men, others will be admitted to this the opening one of the season. We hope the Professor will be greeted with a crowd.

WATCH MEETING.

As in former years, there will be a Watch Meeting in Association Hall on New Year's eve, beginning at 9 o'clock. The meeting will have a change of leader every forty five minutes. A Service of Song, Bible Reading, Praise and Promise, and "The Old Year and The New," will in turn be conducted by competent leaders, and no pains will be spared to make the service both profitable and pleasant. We hope that many of our readers will come and close the old and enter upon the new year in this appropriate way.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

The Building will be open Christmas day.

On Saturday night there will be a Christmas Service for young men, in the Parlors.

President McCauley will conduct the (Christmas) Service of Song Sunday afternoon.

A letter from "the boys" of Newport was read by Willie Handshaw on Monday night, and Robert Bernheisel was appointed to write a reply.

We are pleased to know that some have acted on our suggestion, to make Christmas presents of memberships in the Association, and we hope that still more may do the same.

The former General Secretary, Mr. James McConaughy, will probably be in the city part of Monday and Tuesday next.

Sixty-three memberships expire at the end of this month. We hope that these will all be renewed at once. They *will* be, if *each one* attends to *his own.*

We wish New Years' to be a delightful day in our Building. All our lady friends who will help to make it such, are asked to meet in the Parlors next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Messrs. Keeling, Weaver and McConaughy, of the Literary Society, have been appointed a committee on revision of the Constitution of the Society. They will report some important amendments next Friday night, (the 31st.) and all who are interested in the improvement of the Society should be present.

We are gratified at the reception given to "Facts" Many kind words about it have come to us. The printer, Mr. Lane S. Hart, deserves much praise for so neat a specimen of his art. The little manual was not, however, prepared so much to be admired as used, and we again urge upon our friends to help us make it productive to the Association. We want names of those who should receive a copy.

The boy-audience, in Association Hall on Monday night, was delighted with the entertainment which Mrs. Feeman had with so much pains arranged. In fact the sixty visitors in the gallery seemed equally pleased with the Christmas Cantata provided for the boys. The good order of the boys is even surprising. Rarely does one find so well behaved an audience.

On next Monday night the Literary Society will give an entertainment, consisting of speeches, essays, dialogues, and music by the Kurzenknabe brothers.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 1.

MONDAY—William Weeber.
TUESDAY.—G. H. Houser, J. H. Groff.
WEDNESDAY.—Wm. H. Shaffer.
THURSDAY.—H. B. Gerhardt, Rob't Gotta.
FRIDAY.—L. W. Fleming, T. H. Stevens.
SATURDAY.—E. W. S. Parthemore.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 1, 1881.

SUNDAY.....9.00 A. M...Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
December 26. 1.30 P. M...Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. John C. Lynch, Superintendent.
3.15 " ..Service of Song. G. M. McCauley.
3.30 " ..Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
4.15 " ..Young Men's Bible Class. (Bethany.) John C. Lynch.
5.00 " ..Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.
6.00 " ..Service at City Hospital. Geo. B. Sollers.
MONDAY.....7.30 " ..Boys' Entertainment. Association Literary Society.
8.30 " ..Boys' Committee Meeting.
TUESDAY.....8.30 " ..Practical Talk to Young Men. Prof. J. P. McCaskey. "An Evening with the Stars."
THURSDAY.....7.30 " ..Association Choral Class. Prof. S. B. Ellenberger.
FRIDAY.....7.30 " ..History Class. J. K. Tomlinson.
7.00 " ..Boys' Literary Exercises. Essay on "Paper."
7.30 " ..Boys' Prayer Meeting.
8.00 " ..Members' Literary Society. Reading, Declamation and Debate.
9.00 " ..Watch Meeting. Different leader each 45 minutes.
SATURDAY.....8.00 " ..Young Men's Meeting.
10 A. M.–10 P. M. New Years' Reception.
EVERY WEEK-DAY..... 8.00 A. M.....Daily Prayer Meeting.
9.45 P. M.....Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....*My Times are in Thy Hand.* Ps. lvi. 3; Dan. iii. 5, 15, 28-30; Ps. xxiii. 4. John C. Lynch.
TUESDAY.....*The Ten Virgins.* Matt. xxv. 1-13. James McConaughy.
WEDNESDAY.....*Questions that Must be Answered.* Matt. xvi. 15; Luke vi. 46; Matt. xxvii. 22. George W. Mehaffey.
THURSDAY.....*Unprofitable Servants.* Luke xvii. 7-10. Geo. A. Lippincott.
FRIDAY.....*Considerations Presented –A Choice Urged and Made.* Josh. xxiv. 13-28. D. McConaughy.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO ATTEND

GYMNASIUM CLASSES.

LADIES.....5.15 to 6.15 P. M.
BOYS.....6.15 to 7.15 P. M.
YOUTHS.....7.30 to 8.30 P. M.
YOUNG MEN.....8.45 to 9.45 P. M.

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FOR THE DISTRICT.

Subjects for Week ending Jan. 8, 1881.

Gospel Meeting.—I gave my life for thee.—Luke 23:33–46.

Youug Men's Meeting.—Confessing Christ. Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9–11.

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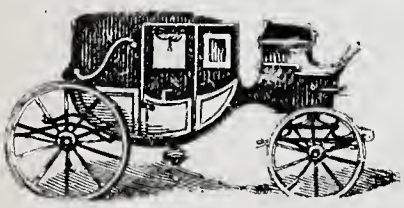

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